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Application Serial No. 10/526,756
Reply to Office Action of August 22, 2007

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REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated August 22, 2007, the Examiner states that Claims 1-3, 6-16, 18, 19, and 21-25 are pending, Claims 1-3, 6-10, 12-16, 18, 19 and 21-24 are rejected and Claims 11 and 25 are objected to. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the specification, the claims, and the abstract.

In the Office Action, the amended abstract submitted with the amendment filed June 1, 2007 is objected to because it lacked a period in line 1 and the word "is" in line 9. The Applicant has further amended the abstract to correct these informalities, and therefore, this objection should be overcome.

In the Office Action, the amended disclosure submitted with the amendment filed June 1, 2007 is objected to because the word "percent" was added and not underlined in line 2 of the replacement paragraph for the 4th paragraph on page 4 of the original disclosure. The Applicant has further amended this paragraph to underline the word "percent", and therefore, this objection should be deemed overcome.

In the Office Action, Claim 15 is objected to because it was dependent from a cancelled claim. The Applicant has made amended Claim 15 to depend from Claim 3, and therefore this rejection should be deemed overcome.

In the Office Action, Claims 16 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nillson (U.S. 4,781,108). Claims 1-3, 6-7, and 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nillson in view of Hirsch (DE 2851046 A1). Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nillson in view of Truhan (U.S. 3,511,162). Claims 8-10 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nillson in view of Hirsch, and in further view of Truhan.

By the present amendment, the Applicant has cancelled Claims 9-11 and incorporated the features into Claim 3. The Examiner has indicated that Claim 11 contains allowable subject matter, and therefore, the rejections to Claim 3 and all those claims dependant thereon should be deemed overcome. The Applicant has cancelled Claims 24 and 25 and incorporated the features into Claim 23. The Examiner has indicated that Claim 25 contains allowable subject matter, and therefore, the rejections to Claim 23 should be deemed overcome. The Applicant has also cancelled Claims 1-2, 16, 18-19, and 21-22.

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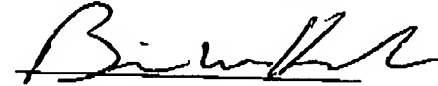
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In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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